

Approved as Submitted: January 15, 2003

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES- DECEMBER 18, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Council Members Tate, Sellers, and Mayor Kennedy
Absent: Council Members Carr and Chang

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION WITH ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN LAIRD, 27TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Assemblyman Laird introduced himself and his staff member, Mr. Gary Schallcross, and reported on his introduction to his new seat in the State Assembly. He also reported that the State budget deficit is now estimated to reach \$21 billion this year, with \$15 billion continuing as a deficit in succeeding years because of current law requirements. This deficit is significant and will affect all State programs. Cuts will be sought before tax increases, but will not be sufficient to cover the deficit. He suggested that the Council advocate for their legislators to make tough choices to bring the budget deficit under control.

The following items were brought before Assemblyman Laird by the Council and the City Manager as areas of high priority to the City of Morgan Hill; and Mr. Laird was asked to provide support for Morgan Hill regarding these issues:

A. Flood Control Project PL 5656 and Keeping This Funding Coming to Morgan Hill

B. Regional Development Issues and Interregional Cooperation in the Development Process

1. Particularly the development of Coyote Valley.
2. The problem of areas that supply jobs using surrounding areas as bedroom communities.

C. Transportation

1. The train station in Coyote Valley is listed among the Governor's recommended budget reduction items.
2. Extension of Cal Train service south from Gilroy to Salinas.

D. Medical Services Needs in Morgan Hill

Action: *Discussion and Information Only.*

CLOSED SESSION:

1.

EXISTING LITIGATION:

Case Title:	Dave Mendoza v. City of Morgan Hill
Case Number:	WCAB 01052788; San Jose WCAB
City Negotiators:	Helene Leichter; Mary Kaye Fisher

Action: *Council Member Tate made a motion, seconded by Council Member Sellers, to **Continue** the Closed Session item to 6:00 p.m. this evening. Approved (3-0), with Council Members Carr and Chang absent.*

Council Member Sellers excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

ADJOURN TO 6:00 P.M. THIS EVENING

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. because City Council quorum was no longer present.

Informal discussion continued regarding the following topics:

E. State Investment in Economic Development to Boost the Economic Recovery

F. Impact on Morgan Hill Projects of the Redevelopment Agency Funding Reduction by the State

G. Discussion of what Morgan Hill can do to Present Their Budget Needs to the State Legislators.

Discussion ended at 3:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Kennedy reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Council Members Carr, Chang, Sellers, Tate and Mayor Kennedy

CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Leichter announced the below listed closed session.

1.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kennedy opened the closed session item to public comment. No comments were offered.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Kennedy reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Leichter announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

MOIRA MALONE, Deputy City Clerk

IRMA TORREZ, City Clerk